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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT AND Q/A AT AMMAN AIRPORT

BEGIN QUOTE "I HAVE JUST COMPLETED RATHER EXTENSIVE AND EXTRE-
MELY USEFUL TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS MAJESTY, AS
THE UNITED STATES

IMPROVES ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL THE
COUNTRIES IN THE AREA IT WILL NOT FORGET ITS CLOSE FRIENDS THAT
HAVE STOOD WITH IT FOR MANY YEARS. WE SPOKE MOSTLY ABOUT THE CON-
STRUCTION OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA. IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH JORDAN WILL PLAY A PRINCIPAL ROLE FROM THE
VERY BEGINNING.

I THINK WE ACHIEVED A VERY CLOSE CORRES-
PONDENCE OF VIEWS.

Q: WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE AT THIS STAGE?

A. WELL THAT IS WHAT I AM TRAVELLING THROUGH THIS AREA TO
DISCOVER. THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO MAKING A MAJOR
EFFORT AND WE WILL MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO HELP PROMOTE IT.

Q: DO YOU THINK THAT ISRAEL WILL CHANGE ITS POLICY TOWARDS
A MORE MODERATE ONE?

A: I WON'T CHARACTERIZE THE FOREIGN POLICY OF ANY COUNTRY:
I AM HERE TO DISCUSS WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS GOING TO DO.
THAT IS THE ONLY QUESTION.

Q: DID YOU DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE WEST BANK OF JORDAN?

A: WE DISCUSSED ALL THE ELEMENTS THAT WOULD ENTER INTO A
PEACE NEGOTIATION.

Q: HOW ABOUT JERUSALEM?

A: I WON'T GO INTO ANY FURTHER DETAILS. END QUOTE.

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